

# Elijah Finns Will.

I, Elijah Finn, of Washington County and State of Tennessee, do make, ordain and publish this as my last Will and testament- hereby revoking and making void all other Wills by me at any time made.

First, I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible, out of any money that may be possessed of or that may hereafter come into the hands of my Executors. Secondly, I give and bequeath to my wife, Barbara Finn, all my real and personal estate of every kind, including what notes of hand and debt are due me at my death, to have, hold and enjoy the same during her natural life, or widowhood, and after her death, to be equally divided among my children, the same to devolve to my children equally, taking into account what they have already received. Lastly, I nominate and appoint Barbara Finn, Executor, and Eliza Finn, Executrix of this my last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 21st day of April 1848.

Witness- W. Whitcomb  
G. Mallett  
Deak Kearny

Elijah Finn Seal

The foregoing Will was duly proven in open Court, September Term 1848, by the oaths of the subscribing Witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded; the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> mentioned, qualified.

# Thomas H. Ferguson's Will.

I, Thomas Ferguson, now being in my perfect senility, knowing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death, do now make and publish this my last Will and testament, hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me at any other time made- amen! First, I direct that my funeral expenses and all other just debts that may be against me out of any money that I may be possessed of, or the profit that may come into the hands of my Executors. Next I direct that my land be divided between my sons Henry Ferguson and R. C. Ferguson, to be divided that if Henry is indebted to Robert or Robert to Henry, the credit is to take land from the Debtor, to the amount of his just demand, at the price of ten Dollars per acre. Third, I direct that my slaves be divided as follows: to my Daughter Elizabeth Bell I have Henry and Tony, son Henry, I have Sarah and Jane, and to my son Robert Ferguson, I have my two boys Samuel and Henry Lockman, all to serve their old owners until they arrive at the age of twenty eight, except Mary Jackson whom I allow to be free at the age of twenty five years and all the rest at the age of twenty eight years, but I never allow any of my slaves to be sold out of the families of my children, and my old slave Ben to be left in the care of my son Robert, and never left to suffer for meat or provision or clothing. 4<sup>th</sup> I direct that my daughter Elizabeth Bell to be paid one hundred dollars, and if she in her affliction is likely to suffer, I allow her to be

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decently and plentifully supported out of my estate. 5<sup>th</sup>. I direct that my granddaughter, Mary Emily Ferguson be paid the sum of two hundred dollars to be kept out at interest for her use and living and that she have as good a bed as is in the house and a good Cook, but if she dies without leaving any living children, the portion left to her is to return to my other heirs in law. 6<sup>th</sup>, I direct that my son Henry have my rattle gun and apparatus and sword mare. 7<sup>th</sup>, I direct that my son Robert H. Ferguson have my chest, my Goat Case and my Cap Stand and my household and kitchen furniture, my farming utensils and my graven and all of my stock, except my Hatter and my bay horse which I allow to be sold and the money to be put in with my cash and my note and accounts to pay of my allowances what I have made, &c. 8<sup>th</sup>, I direct that my daughter and my two sons all that living of my children divide my books among themselves as they choose except my large Bible and Psalm Book which I leave to my son Robert. 9<sup>th</sup>, I direct that in dividing my farm between my two sons Henry and Robert, that each one remain on one part on which they are living, and divide it so as to leave it in as good form as possible. Lastly, I direct that my two sons, Henry Ferguson and R. C. Ferguson be my Executors to carry this Will into effect. In Witness whereof I do to this my Will set my hand and seal this 19<sup>th</sup> of January 1848.

Michael Dasher  
Geo. H. D. Sherry,  
Jesse Wilson.

Thomas Ferguson Seal

After the Will of Thomas Ferguson, the following was verbally mentioned before the Witnesses being forgotten before that he wished Robert Ferguson to have all the grain in the crib, Barn, and the crop in the ground, including every thing laid in for the use of his family. Witnesses, Geo. H. D. Sherry, Jesse Wilson.

The foregoing Will was duly proven in open Court, February Term 1848, by the oaths of Geo. H. D. Sherry and Jesse Wilson, two of the subscribing Witnesses thereto, and ordered to be recorded and the Executors qualified.

# David Stephenson's Will.

The last Will and Testament of David Stephenson of the County of Washington and State of Tennessee, Pleading it as duty to dispose of what Providence has kindly blessed me with, and that it will promote the interests of those who survive me, to make a disposition of it by Will, I ordain and publish this as my last Will and testament. First, It is my Will and wish that my Executors, herein after named, shall pay and discharge all my just debts of every kind and be